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	Examiner Flemming Saether	Art Unit 3677	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Election/Restriction

Applicant's election of species B, Figs. 2a and 2b is acknowledged. Applicant further indicates that the Figs. 5-8 are not separate species and therefore, the examiner considers those species as relating to Figs. 5-8 as being not patentably distinct. Applicant indicated claims 1-6 and 10 read on the elected species. Accordingly, claims 7-9 are withdrawn.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because different reference numerals must be used in the different embodiments since there is different structure shown. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. Applicant is reminded that drawing corrections must be submitted, and labeled, as replacement sheets.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: since this application is a translation from a foreign language it includes informalities inherent therewith such as the idiomatic English, lack of appropriate heading and reference to

the claims within the specification. Applicant is also reminded that the Abstract must be on a separate sheet of paper by itself.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. At the end of claim 1, the walls will not necessarily bend in the rotation direction in response to a radial force. The walls are symmetric in the radial direction thus would simply collapse and not be caused to bend in the rotational direction.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal

translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors. For example: In at least claims 1 and 4, the use of "particularly" is indefinite. In claim 4, line 3, the hole "in relation" to a widening is not understood. Claim 10 is indefinite because in the embodiment which corresponds to claim 10, wherein there threads are cut into the recesses (Fig. 8) the sleeve cannot be introducible into the component for fixing the component to the carrier as required of claim 1, lines 3-5. The claims were examined as best understood.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Genick (US 6,478,519). Genick discloses a supporting sleeve (10), introducible into a component (16) to secure a component to a carrier (14), comprising a closed ring (see Fig. 2) including a plurality of axially extending and uniformly distributed recesses (32) being formed by radially inwardly directed "walls" and "bases" which are capable of bending a direction of rotation when a radial force is applied. The bases of the recess include a inwardly pointing projections (36) included at the end of the sleeve which form a constriction hole in relation to a fixing pin (12).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 6 may be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not disclose of make obvious the projections on the bases supporting a washer on the pin.

Conclusion

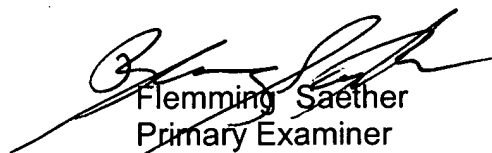
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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